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IMPROVING STREETS.

It is to be regretted that the finances of Astoria are in such a condition that necessary street improvements will be retarded and many needed improvements not made at all. An effort has been made to impress upon the common council the necessity of economizing in the expenditures in every department in order that sufficient funds would be available for the improvement of streets.

An excellent idea was advanced by City Attorney Smith, that in making street improvements the estimates be made and the assessment levied and collected before the contract is awarded. When it is considered that there are a number of people that take advantage of every technicality in street or sewer improvement, who want the improvement made and when it is made try and avoid payment, or allow their assessments to run four or five years and then come in and ask the council to permit them to pay the original assessment without penalty and interest, it is becoming apparent that a different mode of making street improvements will have to be inaugurated and that the assessments will have to be made and collected before the improvement is undertaken. This method will place those who pay their assessments promptly and those who try and avoid paying, on the same level and no injustice will be done either party.

Astoria is enjoying an unprecedented growth. Hundreds of new houses are being erected to supply the demand and more will be as soon as some of the streets are opened and improved. Grand avenue, between Eleventh and Eighth streets connecting with the street going over the hill is a necessary improvement, as no less than 40 teams a day pass over this thoroughfare. Irving avenue improvement will open out a large amount of choice residence property, and if a proper drain can be constructed at the same time may avoid the sliding ground between Twentieth and Twenty-third streets. Franklin avenue, between Third and Fourth needs improving and the property will pay for the improvement. They asked for this improvement over a year ago, but it has evidently been overlooked. Exchange street, between Seventeenth and the Clatsop mill must be improved very soon, as it is only a matter of a very short time when it will fall down, carrying all the water mains with it, cutting off the supply from the east end, and in the event of a fire thousands of dollars of property would be destroyed.

There is about \$30,000 outstanding street assessments that are due the city. Some of them are for installments, the first having been paid and no other payments made. The common council does not enforce the charter provisions providing for a penalty on all delinquents. If they had done so and immediately sold the property when the assessment became delinquent the city would have been in a better condition financially than it is today.

It will be noticed that the sheriff sells the property of all delinquents who fail to pay their taxes, and there is never any rebate either on penalty and interest. If the law had not been strictly followed in the collection of taxes, there would be thousands of dollars on the assessment books due the county. If merchants never presented any bills on the first of the month and only collected what money people brought to the store, it would be but a matter of a short time before they would be bankrupt. This is the condition of affairs that exist in Astoria today and it has been brought about by the lax methods of conducting the business of the city. There is no reason why the city should not have the money due it than there is that the merchants should have money due them.

NAN PATTERSON CASE.

The P. L. states a fact when it says that the failure of the jury in the Nan Patterson case was an unpleasant and undesirable finale to the series of trials to which the defendant has been subjected.

Three times on trial for her life in

the hard ordeal to which the actress has been compelled to submit. There was little revealed by these trials along the direct line of the charges. But there were social conditions and human relations laid bare, both disgusting and demoralizing. A lot of cheap maudlin sentiment has been exploited by the yellows in an attempt to make it appear in the light of the tragic. The sober-minded public is sick of the stuff. It is finding the revelations of moral turpitude on the part of the principals a thing not to be held up to the public gaze without working a moral disorder.

The prosecutor has utterly failed in his effort to convict. Those not under the spell of his oratory expected an acquittal. An argument on the basis of possibilities has, for the second time brought a disagreement. But there has been a decided failure to produce facts, and facts rather than possibilities deducted from circumstances should constitute the only warrant for taking human life.

If the force is to continue, the state's case has been weakened. The failure of the prosecutor and the long strain and suffering of the defendant have created sympathy for her that would count in her favor. The jury failed in its duty. It should have brought in a verdict of acquittal or conviction. It has turned prosecution into persecution.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents

With Comments by a Layman.
A famous naturalist says that every man has a favorite bird. In Astoria nearly every man has a favorite bottle, too.

Why that "boil the water" cry in Milwaukee? Iss der peer no longer fresh, alretty?

Astoria men say they have no time to worry over the riots in Warsaw and Chicago when housecleaning is in progress at his own home.

No, George! Arbor day is never observed in Astoria by planting Anneheuser Busch.

At a revivalist meeting in Butte this week, the revivalists proclaimed that Tacoma was the gateway to hell and located Butte just beyond.

The New York Herald inquires what would happen if everyone told the truth for 24 hours. We don't know

how it would be in New York, but in Astoria people would acquire a reputation of being monumental liars.

Astorian—Portland is the only city in the west to have a goon time in, after all, isn't it?

Visitor—I don't know.
Astorian—Well, great Scott! You've just come from there.
Visitor—You forget that my wife and her mother were with me.

It will be noticed that the wind the past two days has come from the northwest. Seattle is in that direction and Windy Willis is in Seattle. So is the telephone and gas franchise.

Dowie claims to be worth \$20,000,000. He may have that much, but he isn't worth a lead nickel.

In a Pennsylvania town a drummer was fined \$50 for kissing a girl. They ought to send the girl up for 100 years for kissing a drummer.

The warden of the Minnesota penitentiary has forbidden the admission of the Hurst papers to that institution, in reckless disregard of the fact that solitary confinement is the proper treatment for yellow journalism.

A Swedish girl lately arrived in Astoria from the old country and attended every service of a local church. The minister, seeing she was a stranger, shook hands with her at the close of the meeting Sunday night saying he would find pleasure in calling upon her soon. Whereupon the girl blushing, hung her head and bashfully murmured:
"Thank you, but Ay hav' a fallar."

What does Dr. Gladden hope to show by his solemn declaration that "Adam could not have become a millionaire?" Adam could not have become a missionary to the heather, also. Nor could he bear false witness against his neighbor. Moreover, Adam was the first monopolist, with a greed so great that he swapped his soul at the devil's first bargain counter and sought immunity for the law by peaching on Mrs. Adam. The average modern millionaire is a big improvement on Mr. Adam.

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ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Shipping News of the Day in Port and En Route.

The British ship Leonsdale has finished loading and is expected down tomorrow. Her cargo consists of 200,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Oregon arrived in late yesterday afternoon from San Francisco. She had a full cargo of freight and large list of passengers. Rough weather was encountered on the way up which delayed her several hours.

The steamer Francis Liggett, Northland and South Bay are due today from San Francisco.

The schooner Alvina arrived down last evening and will probably go to sea today. She is lumber laden and is bound for San Pedro.

Tam O'Shanter, one of the oldest lumber droghers on the coast, is going to make another trip to the Columbia for a cargo of lumber, and the chances are that she will make many more, for despite her age she is well preserved and seaworthy. This time she comes from San Francisco.

Transport Buford reached Manila on the 5th after a passage of 21 days from Astoria. The transport carried 850 members of the Nineteenth Infantry, and departed from Astoria, on the morning of April 2.

The steamer Toledo is expected to sail on her initial trip to Grays Harbor this morning.

The steamer Whittier with the oil barge Santa Paula sailed for Port Orford last evening.

Another cargo-carter, the British ship Garsdale has been chartered to bring freight from England to the Columbia river. She will go on the berth at Newcastle-on-Tyne to receive general cargo, consigned to Girvin & Eyre. It is understood that the Garsdale was taken for 11 shillings. The vessel registers 1645 tons, net, with a carrying capacity of about 2500 tons.

The charter of the Garsdale breaks the monotony which has prevailed in shipping circles for several days, and stands as an indicator of freight values for the present. There are already two vessels on the en route list from Newcastle to Astoria, these being the German ship Emille and the British ship Barowdie, the latter having set sail for the Columbia river via San Francisco, about a month ago.

A report has been current among the shipping men to the effect that the first new crop charter of the season has been consummated, but no one appears to be in a position to confirm the report and all are guessing. Few of the exporters put much faith in the report, as it is still early in the season, with no apparent reason for haste. The tonnage already in sight for new crop loading amount to about 45,000 tons net register.

Cleared for Action.

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend, dreadfully injured his hand, friend dreadfully injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Bucklen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores. 25c at Chas. Rogers' drug

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Made of Long Cloth, with tucked revers and embroidery medallions, Regular \$1.50. This week, each..... **\$1.71**

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Made of Cambric, trimmed with tucks, embroidery insertion and edging, Regular 60c. This week, each..... **56c**

Made of Good Quality Long Cloth, heavy lace founce, Regular \$1.00. This week, each..... **90c**

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